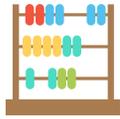




Elements of High-Quality Preschool

Through play, relationships, and instruction, preschool education provides children with an opportunity to develop skills and knowledge across all content areas. Teachers facilitate this development by guiding and empowering students through challenges. Through positive preschool experiences, children learn responsibility, persistence, citizenship, communication skills, reasoning, effective questioning, and more. The learning experiences provided in early childhood help children grow into well-rounded learners.



Play and Effective Instruction

Effective teachers design play activities with specific learning goals in mind. They provide individualized intentional and differentiated instruction to facilitate student success.



Whole Child

Each child is complex and has various needs. It is critical that teachers remember the whole child and foster their social, intellectual, emotional, physical, & language development.



Interactions

Guiding children's behavior is done by modeling kindness and respect. Learning opportunities can occur during play and through developmentally appropriate practices.



Curriculum

By implementing an evidence-based curriculum with fidelity, programs are able to provide effective education that will result in positive student outcomes.



Program Development

Effective educators continually expand their knowledge and skills to implement best practices. Programs engage in frequent evaluations to identify student and educator needs.



Family Engagement

Strong partnerships between schools and families foster positive relationships and learning at home. Frequent and consistent interactions can occur in a variety of ways.



The School Readiness Amendments passed during the 2019 legislative session.

Under the School Readiness Board, grants are provided to preschool programs. The Becoming Quality grant (35A-15-301) assists existing programs to increase elements of high-quality. The Expanded Student Access grant (35A-15-302) allows existing high-quality programs to expand and provide funding to eligible students.